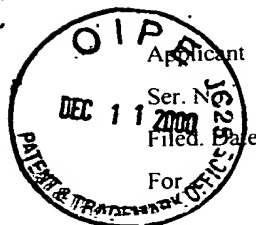


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## AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2000, please amend the  
above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of combined billing for at least one customer on  
a plurality of customer accounts, comprising:

receiving account data for the plurality of customer accounts  
electronically from time-to-time by a service provider from each of a plurality of  
billers;

acquiring ownership of receivables represented by the account data by  
the service provider under contractual arrangements with the plurality of billers upon  
receipt of the account data;

automatically calculating account charges for the plurality of customer  
accounts from the account data;

aggregating the account charges for at least one customer on [a] the  
plurality of customer accounts;

automatically formatting a combined bill for the customer from the  
aggregated account charges; and

automatically rendering the combined bill to the customer.